

## ARBITRATION

*Convention signed at Washington January 15, 1909*  
*Senate advice and consent to ratification January 20, 1909*  
*Ratified by the President of the United States March 1, 1909*  
*Ratified by Austria-Hungary April 17, 1909*  
*Ratifications exchanged at Washington May 13, 1909*  
*Entered into force May 28, 1909*  
*Proclaimed by the President of the United States May 18, 1909*  
*Extended by agreement of May 6, 1914*<sup>1</sup>  
*Expired May 28, 1919*

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The President of the United States of America and His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Bohemia, etc., and Apostolic King of Hungary, signatories of the Convention for the pacific settlement of international disputes, concluded at The Hague on the 29th July, 1899; <sup>2</sup>

Taking into consideration that by Article 19 of that Convention the High Contracting Parties have reserved to themselves the right of concluding Agreements, with a view to referring to arbitration all questions which they shall consider possible to submit to such treatment, have resolved to conclude the following convention and for that purpose have appointed their Plenipotentiaries:

The President of the United States of America, Elihu Root, Secretary of State of the United States; and

His Majesty the Emperor of Austria, King of Bohemia, etc., and Apostolic King of Hungary, Baron Ladislaus Hengelmüller de Hengervár, Grand Cross of the Orders of Leopold and Francis Joseph, 3rd Class Knight of the Order of the Iron Crown, His Majesty's Privy Counselor and Ambassador Extraordinary and Plenipotentiary to the United States of America;

Who after communicating to each other their respective full powers, found in good and due form, have agreed upon the following Articles:

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<sup>1</sup> TS 592, *post*, p. 446.

<sup>2</sup> TS 392, *ante*, vol. 1, p. 230.

## ARTICLE I

Differences which may arise of a legal nature, or relating to the interpretation of treaties existing between the High Contracting Parties, and which it may not have been possible to settle by diplomacy, shall be referred to the Permanent Court of Arbitration established at The Hague by the Convention of the 29th July, 1899; provided, nevertheless, that they do not affect the vital interests, the independence, or the honor of the High Contracting Parties, and do not concern the interests of third Parties.

## ARTICLE II

In each individual case the High Contracting Parties, before appealing to the Permanent Court of Arbitration, shall conclude a special Agreement defining clearly the matter in dispute, the scope of the powers of the Arbitrators, and the periods to be fixed for the formation of the Arbitral Tribunal and the several stages of the procedure.

It is understood that such special agreements on the part of the United States will be made by the President of the United States by and with the advice and consent of the Senate thereof.

Such agreements shall be binding only when confirmed by the governments of the High Contracting Parties by an exchange of notes.

## ARTICLE III

The present Convention shall be ratified by the High Contracting Parties, and the ratifications shall be exchanged as soon as possible at Washington.

The present Convention shall remain in force for five years from the fifteenth day after the date of the exchange of the ratifications.

In testimony whereof the respective Plenipotentiaries have signed this Convention and have affixed thereto their seals.

Done in duplicate at Washington the 15th day of January, 1909.

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